

Dear FCC representative,

I am writing once again to protest what I believe is an inappropriate use of airtime on the public airwaves. It has been brought to my attention that Pappas Telecasting Companies intends to "donate" \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas of California. As a resident of California, I am concerned about this misuse of the media that I believe is potentially dangerous to our democratic election process. Freedom of the press is one of our most cherished liberties, and for the broadcast media to serve one political agenda at the expense of another is a serious concern. Pappas' disingenuous offer to allow the opposition to "purchase" an equal amount of response time is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.